(d) what are other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Tehri Hydroelectric Project, Stage-I (250x4 MW) is scheduled to be commissioned in 2003.

(b) In addition to Tehri Town, 109 villages are affected due to the Tehri Dam Project. This includes 13 villages acquired for project works/colonies. The rehabilitation and resettlement of the affected families is being handled by the State Government of Uttaranchal.

(c) and (d) 37 villages will be fully affected by Tehri Hydro-electric Project, 3355 eligible rural families will be displaced from fully affected and 2074 from partially affected areas. Out of these, 2883 displaced families have already been resettled in Dehradun and Hardwar Districts. The remaining families are also proposed to be resettled in Pashulok, Pathri Block, Chharba and Kedarwala, etc., for which purpose 680 acres land in Pashulok (Rishikesh) and 2675 acres land in Pathri Block (Hardwar) have since been acquired for the resettlement of these families.

Introducing High Concentration and Slurry Disposal System in the Thermal Power Plants

4474. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to introduce high concentration and slurry disposal system, which is popular abroad in thermal power generation plants, because this system needs only one third of land for ash disposal, on experimental basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The High Concentration Slurry Disposal (HCSD) system was installed at Khaperkheda Thermal Power Station of Maharashtra State Electricity Board. Its experience is not reported to be satisfactory in terms of regular Operation and Maintenance as also in view of high capital cost and cost of spare

parts, reliability indigenous availability of spares etc. National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is also exploring the suitability of technology for Indian coal ash in the contexts of Indian Power Scenario and would accordingly take decision for adoption of the technology.

The Central Electricity Authority has observed that the system is prone to failures due to problems of redundancy, high ash content in Indian coal, type of equipment, spare parts etc.

Procuring money from the Canada Government for Power Reforms

†4475. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are trying to procure money from Canada for power reforms;

(b) if so, whether Government have had any discussion so far with Canada Government on this subject; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) As per the agreement signed on 14.03.2002, Canadian International Development Agency has agreed to provide Canadian $13.9 million over a period of 3½ years to support Power Sector reforms in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

Electrification of all the villages in Rajasthan

4476. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Rajasthan that have not yet been electrified;

(b) whether there is any plan to allocate special funds to the State Government so that all villages can be electrified; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.